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DUCI *de* MARLBOROUGH,

Sacri Romani Imperii Principi, &c.

CÆSAREM *Tuis, Heroum Maxime, auſpiciis, in lucem quam poſſumus emendatiſſime emittimus; virum, ingenio excellentem; bonarum Artium univerſarum*

To His GRACE

JOHN

Duke of *Marlborough*, &c.

UNDER the Authority of Your Name (Moſt Illuſtrious Hero) is This Correct Edition Publiſh'd of the Works of *Cæſar*; a Perſon furniſh'd by Nature with excellent Parts and Abilities; adorn'd with the moſt comprehenſive Knowledge of all the Liberal Sciences; eminently

ſarum ſtudio exornatum ; doctrina atque uſu, præclare inſtitutum ; in rebus maximis gerendis, geſtiſque conſcribendis, æque eximium ; bellandi ſcientia incredibili peritum ; in conſiliis, prudentem ; in prælio, fortiſſimum ; ad longinquos rerum exitus proſpiciendos, mire ſagacem ; ad præſentiſſimum conſilium in ipſo negotio utcunque arduo capiendum, celeritate prompta ac parata ; in incæptis exequendis, virtute atque auctoritate ſingulari ; ad caſum fortunamque in ſummo rerum eventu, feliciſſimum ; denique, ut verbo dicam, TUA *ſolius armorum gloria & felicitate & laude omni ſuperatum.*

Quam enim ille Galliam, diſciplina & conſuetudine militari haud ſatis inſtructam, in quamplurimas diviſam civitates, inimicitiis

improved by Learning and Experience; famous both for Performing and Writing the greateſt Actions; wonderfully skill'd in the Art of War; in Council, Wiſe; in Action, Brave; of admirable Sagacity in foreſeeing even the moſt remote Events and Conſequences of Things; of ſurprizing Quickneſs and Preſence of Mind, in taking inſtantly the beſt Meaſures upon any ſudden and unexpected Emergency in the very Heat of Action; of ſingular Reſolution, Power and Authority, in cauſing all his Deſigns and Enterprizes to be well executed; in the main Iſſue and Reſult of all his Undertakings, extremely fortunate; and, to ſay all in one Word, outdone only by YOU in Glory and Succeſs, and in every part of the Character of a Conſummate General.

The Power of *France*, which HE with great Difficulty ſubdued, at a Time when they were very little vers'd in Military Affairs, when the Country was

citiis apertis atque indictis inter ſe commiſſas, ipſaſque domeſticis inſuper atque inteſtinis motibus plerumque diſtractas, vix tandem ſuperavit : eam Tu, Vnius imperio non conſociatam modo, ſed planè unam; viribus jam firmam, opibus auctam, diuturna armorum gloria ſuperbam; nec jam uni populo bellum, ſed toti terrarum orbi ſervitutem & vincula intentantem; auſpicatiſſimis REGINÆ *Sociorumque armis aggreſſus, incredibili adhibita virtute, & ſucceſſu etiam ſupra ipſa vota ac ſpes humanas cumulatius adfluente, urgens perpetuo atque inſtans eouſque confregiſti, ut quæ*

Europæ

divided into many independent Governments, and thoſe both at open War with each other, and embroil'd by inteſtine Factions and Diſorders within themſelves: That ſame Power now, when the whole was not only confederated and united within it ſelf, but become intirely One under the abſolute Government of a ſingle Perſon; when it was arrived at its full Strength; fix'd and ſettled in its higheſt Pitch of Power; abounding with Wealth; grown haughty and inſolent by a continued Courſe of Victories, and by the long eſtabliſhed Glory and Reputation of its Arms; and now preparing not to make War upon one Neighbour only, but to bring all *Europe* into abſolute Slavery; has by the Glorious Arms of HER MAJESTY and Her Allies under YOUR Auſpicious Command, been attack'd with ſuch incredible Courage; and the War attended with ſuch unparallel'd Succeſſes, exceeding even all humane Expectation; and the Advantages purſued with ſuch unwearied Diligence and indefatigable Application; that That

Europæ petenti dare atque concedere ſolita ſit pacem, ipſa jam ultro ſupplex ac demiſſa petierit.

Quod ille bellum ad gloriam & ad ſplendorem omne revocabat, in eoque erat totus, ut Populus Romanus rerum imperio potiretur, populiſque unus omnibus perpetuam imponeret ſervitutem: Tu, Juſtiſſimæ Optimæque REGINÆ *juſſu, non proferendorum finium, ſed conſervandæ patriæ, totiuſque Europæ ſalutis ac libertatis tuendæ, cultuſque divini & pietatis patrocinandæ cauſa, pulcherrime ſuſcepiſti.*

Quantum ille bellum varia atque incerta fortuna, multis ultro citroque acceptis detrimentis, tandem difficillime confecit: tantum, atque etiam longe periculoſius bellum,

Power which uſed haughtily to give Peace to *Europe*, has now been broken, and it ſelf compell'd to ſue for Peace.

The War which *Cæſar* enter'd upon with no other Views but thoſe of Glory and Renown, of putting the People of *Rome* in Poſſeſſion of Univerſal Empire, and bringing all other Nations to ſubmit to the Slavery of the *Roman* Yoke: The like War has by You been undertaken (under a QUEEN who aims at no Dominions beyond her JUST Rights,) not with any Deſign of incroaching upon the Territories of others, but only of defending and preſerving Your Country, of maintaining and vindicating the common Rights and Liberties of *Europe*, and of ſupporting and protecting true Piety and Religion.

Such a War as *Cæſar* after many various Turns of Fortune, and many Battles loſt and won, at laſt very difficultly finiſhed with Succeſs: Such, nay, a far greater and more dangerous War have

YOU

lum, Tuo consilio & virtute tam singulari est administratum, factisque illustribus & ad immortalitatem memoriæ glorioſis ita perpetuo insignitum, ut per integrum decenniam, in quo ad prælia & oppugnationes nullum tempus intermissum est; neque ullo unquam decertatum sit prælio, in quo non fusi penitus fugatique hostes; neque ullum oppugnatum oppidum, quod non fuerit feliciter expugnatum.

Prope confecto illo bello externo, motus inteſtinos Reipublicæ continuo intulit, partiumque studia atque inimicitias acerbissimas concitavit: Tu, Ambitionis expers, auraſque ac plausus populares studioſe & summo opere devitans, REGINÆ Patriæque saluti

YOU carried on with ſuch a ſingular Steddineſs of Courage and Conduct, and with ſo perpetual and uninterrupted a Series of Glorious and Immortal Actions, that for Ten ſucceſſive Campaigns, during the whole Courſe of a War more vigorous and full of Action than can be parallel'd in Hiſtory; there has been no Engagement where YOU have commanded, in which the Enemy was not entirely defeated; nor Town beſieged, which was not happily taken.

Cæſar had no ſooner brought his Foreign War near to a Concluſion, but he began to create Civil Broils, and to foment Diſturbances at Home; dividing the State into bitter Factions and Parties, and induſtriouſly promoting Feuds and Animoſities in it; But YOU, Great Sir, free from any ambitious Deſigns, and conſtantly avoiding with the utmoſt Care the Applauſes and Acclamations of the People, have always made the Preſervation of YOUR QUEEN

ſaluti laborem curamque omnem impendiſti.

Quibus rebus Belli Domique nobilis, à Noſtris pariter Exteriſque maximo es in honore habitus; cumque alii alio partium ſtudiis inimicitiiſque rapiantur, & acerrime inter ſe contendant, TUA Omnibus ſpectata & conteſtata virtus meritis ubique laudibus certatim effertur; qui, re toties præclare geſta, & Britanniam noſtram in Tuto poſueris; & ſpem haud dubiam feceris, fore ut res Europeæ, conſtituta Pace fida atque explorata, à ſervitutis deinceps metu ſint liberæ. Quem tandem exoptatiſſimum belli exitum, laborumque tuorum fructum dulciſſimum, ut Deus Optimus Maximus concedat; & quas maximas in Bello laudes conſilio & virtute es

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QUEEN and COUNTRY the only End of all Your Undertakings.

Upon all which Accounts, being arrived at the higheſt Pitch of Civil and Military Glory at Home and Abroad, and honour'd equally both by our own and Foreign Nations: How much ſoever in other Points, Paſſion and Zeal for Parties may have divided Mens Sentiments, yet YOU have the Happineſs to have them all agree in acknowledging the Merit of Your great Actions, by which You have both ſecur'd the Liberties of *Britain*, and given good Ground to hope that all *Europe* may ſpeedily, by an Honourable, Safe and Laſting Peace, be deliver'd from all further Fears of Slavery. To which happy and moſt deſirable Iſſue, the glorious Effect and moſt agreeable Reward of all Your Services, that God would be pleas'd to bring this preſent War; and that You may have in the Times of Peace a long and happy Enjoyment of that

Honour

conſecutus, iis in Pace feliciter ad ſeram uſque ſenectutem perfruaris; votis omnibus orat,

Tibi omni obſequio devinctiſſimus,

S. CLARKE.

Dabam Decembr.
4, 1711.

Honour and Glory, which by Your Conduct and Bravery You have acquired in War, is the Earneſt and Continual Prayer of,

MY LORD,

Your GRACE's *moſt*

Obedient and humble Servant,

Samuel Clarke.